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Mr. Donovan Kirkpatrick  
Chairman, Great Issues Committee  
The Memorial Student Center Directorate  
Texas A & M College  
College Station, Texas

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 July inviting me to speak at the Texas A & M College sometime during the months of October, November, February, March or April.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation, even though you were good enough to leave the choice of a date to me. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools, except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. However, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

It was thoughtful of you to ask me to join you and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

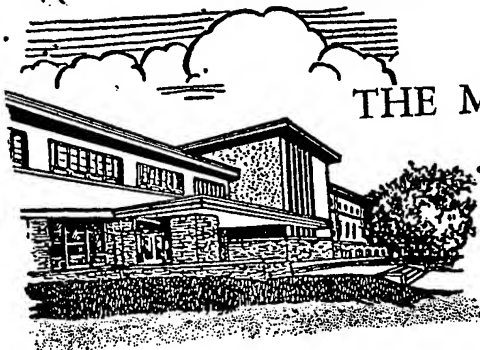
Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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## THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER DIRECTORATE

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TEXAS A & M COLLEGE • COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

July 21, 1961

The Honorable Allen Welch Dulles  
2430 E. Street  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

On behalf of the Great Issues Committee of the Memorial Student Center Directorate of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, I would like to extend to you an invitation to be a Great Issues Speaker on our campus.

Eight years ago we established here at Texas A & M College, through the Memorial Student Center Program, A Great Issues Committee composed of and governed by students with the aid of faculty advisors. I am Donovan Kirkpatrick, a senior student majoring in Business Administration and Chairman of the Great Issues Committee for the 1961-62 school year. Our purpose and practice as a committee has been to bring to the students of Texas A & M and the people of this area, men who are outstanding in their field of service. We do this in the hope of providing current information and promoting informed and intelligent discussion of the issues and problems concerning world affairs. We believe that by doing this, we may be able to further broaden the students and the public as to the facts, policies, and practices of important current issues. When we present these outstanding authorities, we feel we are promoting participation in a democracy and are building a sturdy framework for society while simultaneously developing young men who realize the need for world-wide knowledge as well as national interest. We believe this is the essence of democracy.

From the very beginning, it has been our good fortune to secure many prominent and capable speakers in major areas of interest. We have presented to the college community such men as Mr. George C. McGhee, Former United States Ambassador to Turkey and Assistant Secretary of State; the Honorable Thurston B. Morton, Former Assistant Secretary of State and now United States Senator; The Honorable Justice Tom Clark, United States Supreme Court; The Honorable Paul Douglas, United States Senator; Dr. Elton Trueblood, outstanding religious leader; General Carlos P. Romulo, Ambassador from the Phillipines; Mr. Joseph E. Johnson, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace;

Honorable Allen Welch Dulles

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Major General A. R. Leudecke, General Manager, Atomic Energy Commission; Dr. Edward R. Teller, Father of the "H-Bomb"; Mr. Ernest K. Lindley, Washington Editor, Newsweek Magazine; Dr. T. Keith Glennan, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; the Honorable Brooks Hays, Former Congressman from Arkansas; Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation; The Honorable Aziz Ahmed, Ambassador of Pakistan; The Honorable Thomas C. Mann, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; and The Honorable Robert Kennedy, former Chief Counsel for the United States Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field and currently Attorney-General of the United States.

We are extending this invitation to you to participate in our Great Issues Series for the coming academic year because of your vast knowledge of communism. This presentation would consist of a sixty to ninety minute speech followed by a question and answer session. The specific topic of your speech may be decided at a later date. Because of the great reputation that you have developed over the years, it would be a privilege to present you to our 7,500 member student body and to our community.

We would like to suggest that you consider a date suitable to you during the months of October, November, February, March, or April. We would be happy to arrange and pay for your travel to and from our campus and for living accommodations while you are our guest.

Our Great Issues Committee will be looking forward to a favorable reply to our invitation to you.

Sincerely,

*Donovan Kirkpatrick*  
Donovan Kirkpatrick, Chairman  
Great Issues Committee  
Memorial Student Center

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CC: Congressman Olin E. Teague  
Suite 101  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. Wayne Stark, Director  
Memorial Student Center  
Texas A & M College

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Stan Grogan recommends that you decline  
this invitation.

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# GREAT ISSUES

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**Ernest K. Lindley**

Noted Journalist  
Director of the Washington  
Bureau of Newsweek

***Texas A & M***

A MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER PRESENTATION

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*Biographical Sketch of*

**ERNEST K. LINDLEY**

Ernest K. Lindley, one of America's greatest journalists, has covered the Washington scene for over a quarter of a century, having covered every national political campaign since 1924. During this time he has traveled extensively around the world on other important news assignments.

In 1950, Mr. Lindley received the Overseas Press Club Award for television news interpretation; in 1956, he was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award by Indiana University; in 1957, he was given the Overseas Press Club Award for best American Press interpretation of foreign affairs. Mr. Lindley is also the holder of several other notable awards, among them a Chubb Fellowship to Timothy Dwight College at Yale University, Norway's St. Olav Medal and a Doctor of Letters degree from Long Island University.

Mr. Lindley was educated at Indiana University, the University of Idaho and Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. While in college he edited a small-town daily, and upon his return from England in 1924 took a position with The Wichita (Kansas) Beacon. Later that year he joined the staff of The New York World and worked himself into political reporting. After the failure of The New York World in 1931, Mr. Lindley became a political writer for The New York Tribune. In the late 1930's, he became head of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek, and also began writing a syndicated column on analysis of national and international affairs.

In his long and distinguished lecture career, Mr. Lindley has been honored by being a lecturer for the National War College, Air War College and Naval War College. He was also chosen to moderate the Defense Department World Affairs films and Newsweek Magazine's Periscope Panel.

At present, in addition to being Director of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek, Mr. Lindley makes numerous appearances as a radio and television commentator.

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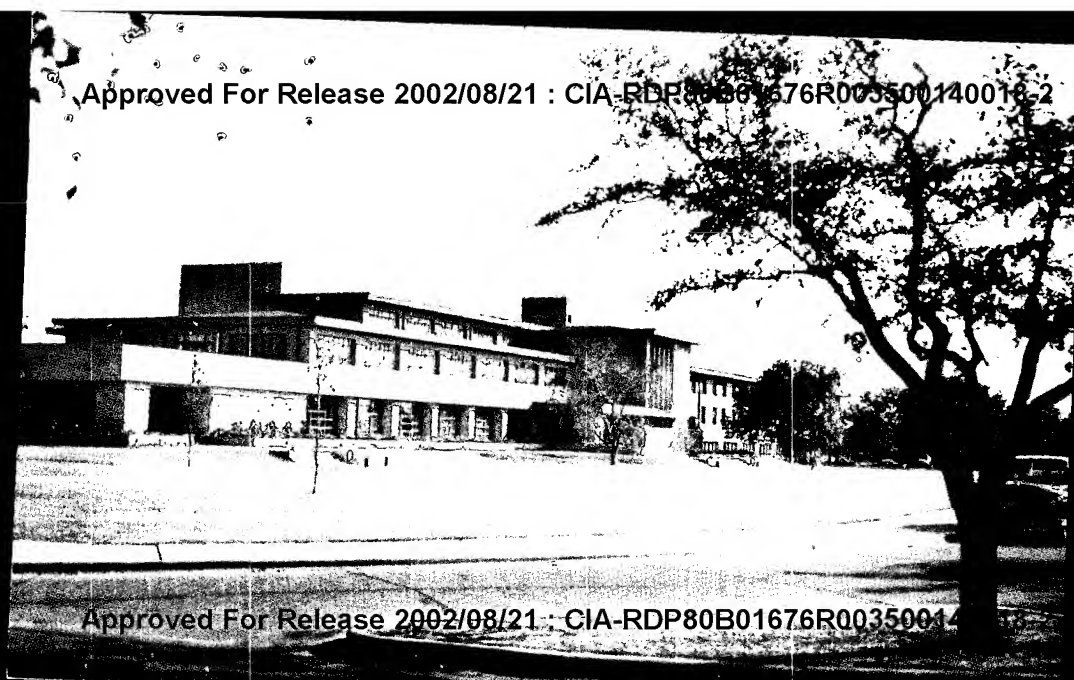
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Dr. T. Keith Glennan, Administrator,  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration



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